

the various Sabbath schools as you see fit. It is true that any day the Maharajah might close our city schools, but I have never been interfered with yet, and must trust in God for the future. I only mention it as quite within the limits of possibilities. If health permits, I shall write the children a letter, giving ample details of our school work. I have not space at present to write about the other city schools, but shall do so again.

The school in the Bazaar, or one of them, is supported by a lady friend at home. The other (Miss Rodger's) is assisted by Mrs. Watson, in Hamilton, so that the city schools will be appropriated to the Sabbath schools if they so desire. I have already begun a Normal Training Class in my own home, but it is yet quite in its infancy, and I cannot say much about it. I wish to train my own teachers, if possible, as it is difficult to get any from other missions, and I like to do what I can with the material at hand.

The cost of the city schools will be \$125. This does not include the Bible women, for whom I have made a separate estimate of \$60 per annum, or \$120 for both. At present, as Venoo was married a short time ago, I have only one employed, the teacher in one of the city schools thus doing the duty of both teachers, and, when required, of a Zenana visitor. In my next I may perhaps tell you about the Bazaar schools, but at present I have not space.

I have heard about the new Society in Montreal, and will be glad to be kept informed of any fresh movement which shows increase of interest in the Lord's work here. Mr. Douglas and family, also Miss Rodger, sailed on the 25th March, and are probably in England now, so that you will have an opportunity of hearing about Indore from those who have been in the field.

Yours sincerely,

M. MCGREGOR.

Indore, April 17th, 1882.

FIVE AND TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The following lines were presented, with a gift, by the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, on the celebration of her parents' silver wedding, July 15th, 1882:

Dear mother, tell us how you looked,
And did your heart go to and fro
When father took your hand in his
Just five and twenty years ago?

Since side by side you first set out,
The time seems long to us, you know;
But father says you're just the same
As five and twenty years ago.

We children gathering round since then,
Have caused you care and toil to know,
And more than once has home been changed
Since five and twenty years ago.

What volumes "keeping house" includes—
To teach, to visit, write and sew,
For many friends have come and gone
Since five and twenty years ago.

May seed you both have scattered far,
In soil of many a heart, still grow;
May God still bless you as He has
Since five and twenty years ago!

—Annie.

ADDRESS WANTED.

MR. EDITOR,—Will you be good enough to allow me to ask for a little information from some one of your readers? I am a Canadian, a Presbyterian minister, studied in old Knox College, am known to many of your patrons, and my heart is still in Canada, although I am quite happy, and hold a very important charge in Dunedin, the largest and finest city in New Zealand. Well, the information I want is this. A Mr. Allan McDonald, from the island of Tiree, between the years of 1831 and 1834, came to Canada West (now Ontario), bought much land, and had a family of sons, some of whom are blacksmiths. Both myself and a relative of his in my congregation would be much obliged if some kind person could send me the address of the old gentleman if he is living, or of any one of his family.

A. C. GILLIES.

Dunedin, N. Z., June 3rd, 1882.

MR. SPURGEON'S Tabernacle has an extensive colportage association of its own. At its recent annual meeting, the report stated that there are seventy-four districts occupied. The sales were between \$35,000 and \$40,000. Over three tons of current monthly magazines are delivered from the depot monthly. The colporteurs report 624,482 visits.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

OUR LITTLE ONES. (Boston: The Russell Publishing Co.)—The engravings in this magazine are wonderfully beautiful in design and execution, and the reading matter is just what is required for young children. The August number is a good one.

THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS. By the Rev. John Thompson, Sarnia.—We must apologize for not having before noticed this excellent sermon, which was preached before the Synod of Hamilton and London, and published at the request of many who heard it. It is an able and timely production, and will well repay a careful and prayerful perusal.

ST. NICHOLAS. (New York: The Century Company.)—How eager the young folks will be to read "How Burt went Whale Hunting," "Hassan's Water-melon," "Stories from the Northern Myths," and the many other gems of juvenile literature in the August number of "St. Nicholas." The illustrations also are very attractive, the greater number of them representing just such refreshing scenery as the eye delights to rest upon in this sultry weather.

THE SOUTHERN PULPIT. (Richmond, Va.)—In printed sermons at least, weight of matter, depth and freshness of thought, and terseness of expression, are much more valuable than the most captivating eloquence. If this be so, the published sermons of Southern preachers, as a rule, must be accorded a high position. For illustration we direct the attention of our readers to the July number of the "Southern Pulpit," in which some fair examples will be found.

MAP OF ONTARIO. (Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co.)—We are in receipt of a copy of a well-executed map, of convenient size, issued by Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co. It represents the Province of Ontario so far as it has been surveyed, distinguishing the free grant lands, and indicating the course of projected railways. In one corner of the sheet there is a smaller map showing the whole extent of the Province under the Boundary Award, and the position of Ontario in relation to the other provinces and to the United States.

THE DOMINION REVIEW. (Montreal: W. Drysdale & Co.)—We are in receipt of the first number of this publication. It describes itself as a "Canadian monthly journal of Politics and Literature." Magazines of this class have hitherto met with but little success in this country, but the present venture is one of considerable promise. Judging from the number before us, we should say that it will treat political questions with ability, vigour and independence, and from a platform elevated far above the squabbles of party, while in literature it will command talent of no mean order. The subscription price is only one dollar per annum.

LAURA CLARENCE: A Treatise on Baptism. By Rev. D. McNaughton, M.A., Aylwin, Que. (Toronto: Printed for the author by C. Blackett Robinson.)—The author of this book has, very judiciously, presented the controversy respecting the mode and subjects of baptism in the form of a narrative, the arguments on both sides being conducted in conversations occurring between the different characters. In this shape its attractiveness, especially to young readers, is greatly increased. The story has its *locale* in the State of Missouri, and many of the episodes and conversations are decidedly "Western." The last sixteen pages of the volume, which contains 148 pages in all, are occupied by a "Discourse on Universalism." To this subject also Mr. McNaughton has done ample justice.

THE CENTURY. (New York: The Century Co.)—The August or "midsummer holiday number" of this magazine is an excellent one in the variety and attractiveness of its reading matter, and more especially in the exquisite beauty of its illustrations. The paper on "The Borderlands of Surrey" is illustrated by fifteen engravings of very fine English scenery, including a view of Alfred Tennyson's house and its surroundings. The article on "The American Museum of Natural History" is accompanied by a large number of well-executed representations of rare birds and other animals. In connection with "An Aboriginal Pilgrimage," the well-known Indian countenance appears in a great variety of modifications. In "Some English Artists and their Studios," art throws open some of its own inner sanctuaries with grand effect. The number would have been incomplete without the article on "Steam Yachting in America," and its ac-

companying illustrations, for what are holidays without boats and water?

TRUE ANECDOTES OF PET ANIMALS. By J. Flora Maclean. (Toronto: Printed for the author by C. Blackett Robinson. Price, in illuminated board covers, \$1.25; in cloth, gilt, \$1.75.)—There are many holiday and gift books for children to be met with now-a-days in Canada, but most of them are of foreign origin. Miss Maclean is a native Canadian, and her book ought on that account to be popular among the patrons of "home productions." This does not imply that the book is destitute of intrinsic merit. Far from it. The moral sensitiveness of young persons, and the degree of civilization to which they have attained, may not inaccurately be measured by the treatment which they give to the dumb creatures around them, and the writer who promotes friendliness and good feeling towards the lower animals is an educator and a civilizer. The author of the book before us has certainly accomplished much in this direction, and she has done her work in a natural, truthful, artless manner that adds much to its value and disarms criticism. The volume is profusely illustrated. Many of the engravings are very fine. The paper is good, the typography accurate, and the exterior attractive.

THE REVISERS' ENGLISH. By G. Washington Moon, F.R.S.L. New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: W. Briggs. Price 20 cents.)—Having some faint recollection of the pedantry and hypercriticism exhibited by Mr. Moon in his contest with the Dean of Canterbury, nearly a quarter of a century ago, it was in no spirit of sympathy that we began to read the volume now before us, containing his attacks upon the revisers of the New Testament. Before proceeding very far, however, it began to dawn upon us that Mr. Moon is a much fairer critic now than he was in bygone times, and that the revised version of the New Testament gives him a field much more prolific of grammatical errors than that which was furnished by the writings of Dean Alford. Before the reader gets half through this little book he will probably be forced to acquiesce in the author's condemnation of the revisers for carelessness and inattention to some of the most ordinary rules of English grammar. Of course there is no question of interpretation or of doctrine involved; but surely it is a matter of importance that every translation of the Bible, or of any part thereof, should be as free from literary defects as possible. The Rev. Joseph Angus, D.D., himself one of the revisers, is the author of the dictum, "Bad grammar is injustice to truth."

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. April and July, 1882. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—Somehow or other the April number of this excellent periodical only reached us after we had received that for July. We regret this, for there are few, if any, of the periodicals on our list which we welcome more cordially than the "Presbyterian Review," and for which we more earnestly desire an extended circulation throughout the Dominion. In the absence of a native Canadian Review of the kind, we should like to see this one largely taken by the wealthier members of our congregations; though, to be sure, even those who are not very wealthy could find little difficulty in the matter, seeing the subscription price per annum is only three dollars: so that if four neighbours joined to take it they could have it for 75 cents apiece—not a formidable sum, and one which could not easily be spent to better advantage. Each article is signed, and the writer is alone responsible for its contents. In this way a certain but not an unwarrantable amount of latitude is given for diversity of sentiment on matters which are not what Norman Macleod's old friend used to call the "foundamentals." The editors are only responsible for the propriety of admitting the several articles at all. In the number for July there are five tolerably lengthy articles, with about twenty pages of "Reviews of Recent Theological Literature"—all very interesting and important in their way. In the second, on the question "Is the Advent Pre-Millennial?" the affirmative side is taken. This is just a specimen of how the readers of the "Review" have both sides set before them to an extent not usual in denominational periodicals.

THE last session of the Toledo, Ohio, Methodist preachers' meeting was turned into a picnic and general holiday of the pastors and their families. It has been the custom of this body for years to hold an annual reunion of some kind in June, more devoted to recreation and sociability than the regular meetings.